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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary mailed from the US Patent Office on June 2, 2004, we enclose herewith for filing in the above-referenced case the following:

1. Statement of the Substance of the May 25, 2004 Interview;
2. Prepaid Acknowledgment Postcard.

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
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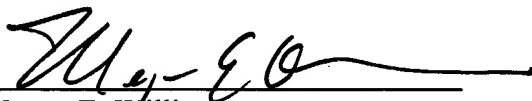
Applicants thank the Examiners for the courtesy of a telephonic interview that took place on 25 May 2004 between Applicants' Attorneys, Elizabeth Hanley and Megan Williams, and Examiners Tim Brown, James Housel, and Ulrike Winkler.

In the interview the restriction requirement made in the application and the pending claims were discussed. Applicants' attorneys indicated that a response to the communication of March 19, 2004 would be filed. Claim 52 was also specifically discussed. In addition, Applicants' attorneys briefly reviewed and distinguished the art of record.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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